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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner For Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and pursuant to 37 C.F.R., §§1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A.

Any items listed on the enclosed copies of Form PTO/SB/08A that are not enclosed with this Information Disclosure Statement were previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the prior Parent application under 37 C.F.R. §1.97, U.S. Serial No. 09/800,461, filed March 7, 2001 and related, copending applications under 37 C.F.R. §1.97, U.S. Serial No. 10/787,716, filed February 26, 2004 and U.S. Serial No. 10/709,978, filed June 10, 2004, all of which include the <u>same</u> specification, as the present '977 application.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentable over the foregoing references, alone or in combination. Applicants further submit that the submission of the various Office Actions and Notices of Allowance, if any, from related cases is in accordance with Federal Circuit precedent, for example, as set forth in McKesson Information Solutions v. Bridge Medical, 82 U.S.P.Q.2nd 1865 (Fed. Cir. 2007), and therefore respectfully request that the Examiner consider these documents. The Examiner is requested to initial the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A and return a copy thereof to the undersigned.

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The items listed on Form PTO/SB/08A EFS-WEB may be deemed to be pertinent to the above-identified application and are made of record to assist the Patent and Trademark Office in its examination of this application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to fully consider the items and to independently ascertain their teaching.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicants reserve the right to dispute any of the listed documents as prior art during examination. Further, Applicants do not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application. Furthermore, the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no other material information may exist.

A fee is due under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) for this Information Disclosure Statement since it is being filed in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), after the period specified in paragraph 3 above but before the mailing date of a final action or a notice of allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee of \$180 and any additional fees which may be required for this Information Disclosure Statement, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-2814.

Respectfully submitted.

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